

Libertyville - Congresswoman Melissa Bean (IL-08) was proud to accept the “Fiscal Watchdog” award from the Lake County Chamber of Commerce during a meeting in Libertyville earlier this month.

In presenting the award, Lake County Chamber President Lou Molitor said the chamber appreciated Bean’s leadership in “bringing fiscal discipline to Washington.” Bean is known as a leading advocate for responsible budgeting and reducing government waste, Molitor said.

“In reviewing your voting record in Congress, we found that you always voted to cut taxes,” Molitor said. “You voted to enhance the child tax credit and to eliminate the marriage penalty. You voted against the recent proposed tax hike on investment fund managers – the ‘carried interest’ provision – which would have dried up investment in our small businesses.

“You voted against the capital gains tax and in favor of R&D tax credit. You’ve worked on pension parity for small businesses and you sponsored H.R. 1332, the Small Business Lending Improvements Act, which helped small companies obtain the capital needed to invest in their business and strengthen our economy.

“The list goes on and on, and the Chamber applauds your efforts by presenting you with our Fiscal Watchdog Award.”

Bean, a member of the fiscally-conservative Blue Dog caucus, said she was honored to receive the award.

“I deeply appreciate the Chamber’s recognition of my efforts to bring some fiscal sanity to Washington,” Bean said. “As a former businesswoman, I know how much our local small businesses contribute to our community, and I will keep finding ways to ensure our government helps them stay competitive in the global market.”

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